

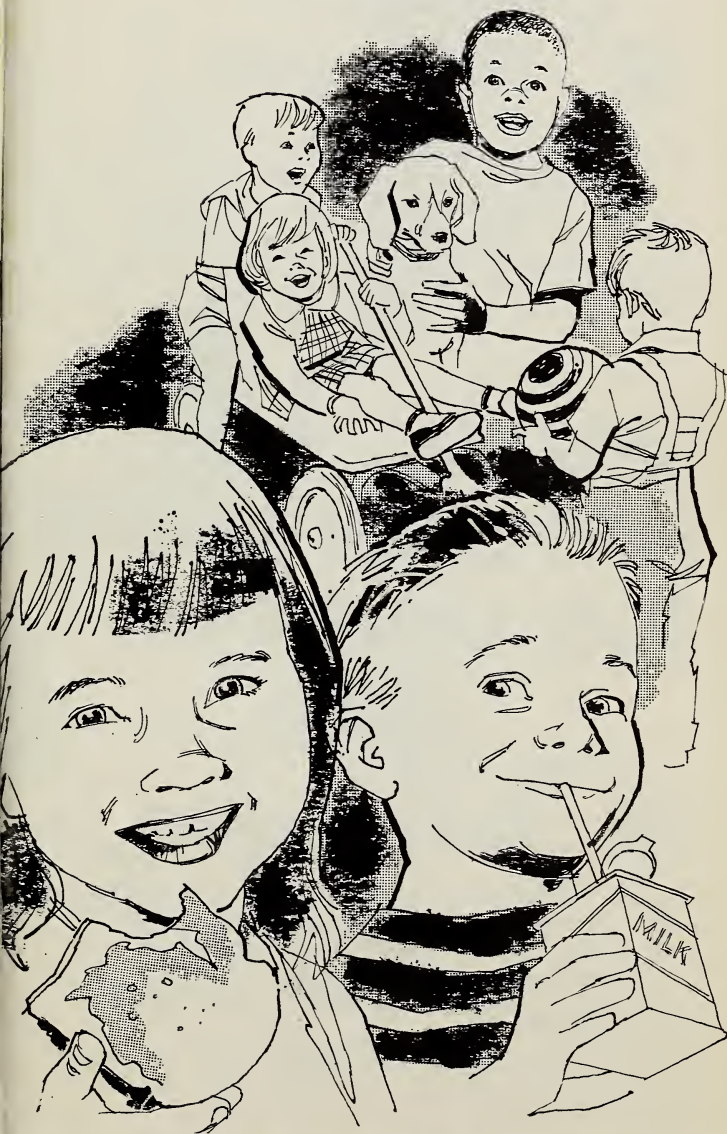
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Food for **CHILDREN**

- in pre-school centers
- in summer programs



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



The Goal

To safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's children.



The Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Food Service Program for Children helps States and local communities serve nutritious meals to both preschool and school age children in day care centers and summer recreation programs. A program authorized by the National School Lunch Act, as amended, it is a concentrated effort to aid in improving the nutritional status of children.

SPECIAL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN



Who is Eligible?

Public and nonprofit private institutions such as day-care centers, settlement houses, and recreation centers that provide day-care for children from low-income areas, or from areas with many working mothers. Summer day camps and similar recreational programs may also apply. In-residence institutions are not eligible.

Programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to everyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or political affiliation.

What Kind of Assistance?

- Cash reimbursement from Federal funds for food purchased. Up to a maximum of:
15¢ for each breakfast
30¢ for each lunch or supper
10¢ for supplemental food served between meals
- In cases of severe need, financing of up to 80 percent of the food service operating costs may be considered. When 80 percent Federal funding is provided, volunteer labor and other in-kind contributions may be counted as part of the local share of expenses. In some instances this means that Federal funding can extend to 100 percent of cash expenditure for operating costs. However, Federal aid cannot go over 60 cents per lunch or supper, 20 cents per breakfast and 15 cents per supplement served to children.
- Financial help to buy or rent necessary equipment. Institutions must pay at least one-fourth of the equipment costs.
- USDA-donated foods, depending on the amounts and kinds available.
- Technical assistance and guidance to establish and operate a program.

Nutritional Requirements

One, all, or any combination of the following meals may be served.

Minimum portions of basic food groups, according to ages of children, must be served.

Breakfast—Milk, fruit or juice, and bread or cereal.

Lunch or Supper—Milk, meat or alternate, two or more vegetables or fruits, bread and butter or margarine.

Supplemental Food—Milk or juice or equivalent quantity of fruit or vegetable, and bread or cereal.

Emphasis is on nutritional improvement.

To Participate

Institutions approved for participation must enter into a written agreement that they will:

- Operate a nonprofit food service for all children regardless of race, color, or national origin.



- Serve meals which meet minimum requirements as prescribed by USDA.
- Supply free or reduced-price meals to children unable to pay the full charge. Such recipients will be designated on a uniform, equitable basis by the service institution, without being identified or discriminated against in any way.

For more information...

Service institutions in the following States should apply to the appropriate USDA Regional Office as listed. ■

Service institutions located in other States may apply directly to the State Educational Agency in their capital city. ▨



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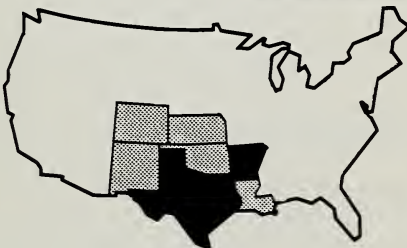
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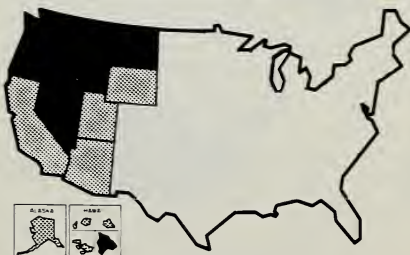
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